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As below named inventor, I hereby declare that

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My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SLOW-START PACKET SCHEDULING PARTICULARLY APPLICABLE TO SYSTEMS
INCLUDING A NON-BLOCKING SWITCHING FABRIC AND HOMOGENEOUS OR
HETEROGENEOUS LINE CARD INTERFACES**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint **Kirk D. Williams, Reg. 42,229** to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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